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20) [93080] Re: Fox and the Lid
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by w2xn@juno.com
22) [93082] Re: FOX- Reasonable Behavior (RE: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!)
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27) [93087] Re: Fox and the Lid
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30) [93090] Re: Kenwood TS850SAT and what filters to buy..
by Bryn Joynes <bryn@pcpractice.com>
31) [93091] Music of the FOX
by "Adrian Weiss" <aweiss@usd.edu>
32) [93092] RE: 30m Perking Wed, Thurs, Fri nights.
by "Adrian Weiss" <aweiss@usd.edu>
33) [93093] BATTERY CHARGING
by "Reynolds, Robert (CAP, GEFA)" <Robert.Reynolds@gecapital.com>
34) [93094] Re: QRP Most Used Parts - one more time
by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
35) [93095] Re: RF Burns Again
by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
36) [93096] Re: BATTERY CHARGING
by "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
37) [93097] Re: Cub FOX Hunts
by "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
38) [93098] Re: Cub FOX Hunts
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
39) [93099] Sick VHF handheld.
by "Juan Jose Pastor Estornell" <juanjope@ctv.es>
40) [93100] RE: 30m Perking Wed, Thurs, Fri nights.
by "John L. Sielke" <w2agn@pobox.com>
41) [93101] Re: 30m Perking Wed, Thurs, Fri nights.
by K4IA@aol.com
42) [93102] FT-817 list?
by "Kelly Ellison" <kelman@dialnet.net>
43) [93103] 5U3T

by "Phil (VA3UX)" <phil@vaxxine.com>
44) [93104] FT-817 Yaesu reflector
by Ken Brown <n4so@juno.com>
45) [93105] Fox Manners
by "K7FD N7SG" <cqdx@teleport.com>
46) [93106] Toroid L and LC Meter IIB [longish]
by "Chuck Carpenter" <w5usj@globeco.net>
47) [93107] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!
by Walter D Amos <walt_amos@juno.com>
48) [93108] Re: Fox Manners
by "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
49) [93109] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!
by david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
50) [93110] Re: Fox and the Lid
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
51) [93111] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!
by "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
52) [93112] Re: BATTERY CHARGING
by Mike <kd0ar@alltel.net>
53) [93113] Re: Fox and the Lid
by N0tk@aol.com
54) [93114] Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
by "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
55) [93115] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
by "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
56) [93116] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
by Mike <kd0ar@alltel.net>
57) [93117] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
by "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
58) [93118] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
by Steve Yates - AA5TB <aa5tb@arrl.net>
59) [93119] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!
by david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
60) [93120] FOX Hunt Manners
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
61) [93121] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
by "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
62) [93122] Re: Fox Manners
by "David Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>
63) [93123] Re: Fox and the Lid
by "David Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>
64) [93124] Re: Fox and the Lid
by Russ Dow <n7dw@pacbell.net>
65) [93125] Re: Fox and the Lid
by "Brian Murrey" <bmurrey@amexol.net>
66) [93126] Re: FOX Hunts
by Bill Stietenroth <k5zty@juno.com>
67) [93127] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC

by Russ Dow <n7dw@pacbell.net>
68) [93128] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!
by Dave Sjolin <sjolin@swbell.net>
69) [93129] D68C QRPp - information sought (pse)
by Paul Brice-Stevens <paul@g0wat.demon.co.uk>
70) [93130]
by Jack Falk <k4byf@juno.com>
71) [93131] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
by Steve Yates - AA5TB <aa5tb@arrl.net>
72) [93132] Re: Fox and the Lid
by Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>
73) [93133] Question about batteries for field use
by Jeff Grudin <grudin@vdb.com>
74) [93134] Re: Question about batteries for field use
by Andrew Madsen <andrew@utahdesign.com>
75) [93135] Re: Question about batteries for field use
by "Bob Tellefsen" <n6wg@earthlink.net>
76) [93136] Re: Question about batteries for field use
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
77) [93137] Re: Question about batteries for field use
by Paul Womble <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>
78) [93138] (no subject)
by AC5YU@cs.com
79) [93139] RE: Amidon Products info
by "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@att.net>
80) [93140] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!
by "Glenn Butzlaff" <gbutzlaff@voyager.net>

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 18:05:58 -0600
From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93061] PJ8/W1HL on 14.024 @ 0007Z
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010302180130.00a5c020@bbs.galilei.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

PJ8/W1HL on 14.024 @ 0007Z

Calling for + 3 but worked on his freq. Chirpy signal. Very fast.

Using Corsair 1 and 2W to St. Louis Quickie Vertical.

Good luck,

de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 17:27:18 -0700
From: "Marshall Emm" <mgemm@mtechnologies.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93062] First Contact Certificates
Message-ID: <3A9FD7F6.18667.26D547D@localhost>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Doc's message inspired me to go find this link [g]

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/award/certificate/>

There you can download a printable copy of the ARRL's First Contact Certificate, and I would encourage you to send one with the QSL card when you give someone their first QSO. Or even their first CW QSO, or QRP QSO.

It's a nice gesture, costs next to nothing, and pays off big-time in cementing what will likely be a life-long memory.

Marshall Emm, N1FN
Milestone Technologies, Inc.
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<http://www.mtechnologies.com>

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 18:17:58 -0600
From: Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>
To: k9iua@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93063] Re: FOX- Reasonable Behavior (RE: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!)
Message-ID: <3AA03836.28D9F254@swbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Kevin Anderson wrote:

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> - Today, with operating split, it is more a matter of
> finding the right FREQUENCY. As long as you
> are not on the Fox's frequency (I agree, get at least

> 100 to 200 HZ or more OFF!!), what does it hurt to
> call more than once? As long as you pause and listen
> for the Fox at the same time (else you won't know when
> he/she is working YOU, ahah!) [As long as you are listening
> for the Fox, calling again and again with definite pauses
> is not necessarily harming the Fox -- instead, it is
> a reasonable ploy to get so you are the hunter heard
> and not your neighbor who also calling --
> think about that....]

I agree Kevin. When the pileup is as big as last night, the fox is not likely to get the call if people only send it once with most of them sending it at about the same time on the same frequency.

I will find a frequency, throw my call in once or twice, listen, throw it in two more times, listen, throw it in again, listen. This is all contingent on the fact that I can hear the fox well. My rig has great qsk and as long as the fox frequency is clear, I can hear the fox when he comes back to someone. One tap of my paddles and the keyer will stop.

What I think was causing a lot of the calling last night was that everyone is learning their pileup busting techniques too good. Everyone seems to be spotting the last station worked and calling on or very near that frequency. I didnt have any success until I figured out the limits of where the fox was working and then moved far from the last caller and waited for the fox to come to me.

73 de Dave, N0IT

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 06:25:00 -0700
From: Brian Kassel <bkassel@dancris.com>
To: QRP-L <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>, azqrp <azqrp@extremezone.com>
Subject: [93064] Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <3A9F9F2C.31376FF2@dancris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gangue:

I just have to get this off of my chest. My vote for LID of the month goes to the station that was within 20 hz of the Fox, carrying on a long QSO. He was VERY strong, the Fox, as it was, very weak. Several times during his QSO I and several others attempted to get him to move by sending QRL PSE QSY etc. NO acknowledgment, even when I switched to 100 W so as to chase him off. The kicker was when he complained to the

station with which he was in QSO that " the QRM is very bad tonight". Several times he messed up his own call sign, which BTW was a 1X2, so he must have been an extra class person.

Can we assume that Rocket science is not within the realm of possibilities for this individual? Heloooooooo?

OK, I feel better now. Some folks are just more proficient than others I guess, some folks will just never try. I make mistakes too of course, and have made some doosies. I like to think though, I continue to try, maybe that's where the frustration lies. I don't think that this person is trying.

I feel better now.

71 er I mean 72 ;)

Brian K7RE

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 19:56:49 -0500
From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
To: gsailsbury@mobill1.net, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93065] Re: RS SA602AN
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010302193129.00a84a70@KIH.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

At 04:03 PM 3/2/2001 -0600, Gene Sailsbury wrote:
>Here is the link to RS SA602AN
>Gene KC0IKY
><http://www.radioshack.com/product.asp?catalog%5Fname=CTLG&category%5Fname=CTLG%5F010%5F005%5F002%5F006&product%5Fid=900%2D7085>

Thanks Gene.
I had to fumble around and get into components and then go to the communications ICs. but I'm sure happy to have some spares coming for my Emtech 40 M rig. Hopefully I won't ever need to use the chips there so may embark on one of the many 602 projects....using sockets of course.
73 Pete NV4V

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 19:34:16 -0600
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>

To: bkassel@dancris.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93066] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <3AA04A18.A123437F@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Brian, we should remember that part of the QRO syndrome is having 100-watt hearing as well as 100-watt rigs. Although from your description I would guess that the guy was just a can or two short of a six-pack, it is also likely that he just wasn't emotionally or electronically adjusted to hear a 5-watt S5 signal in the QRN.

I have to take issue with the conclusion that a 1x2 call automatically means "extra class." Many of us, especially we old coots that have 1x2 original calls, do have Extras, mine since 1954, but nowadays with vanity calls available, any call could accompany any license class at any geographical location. That also matches my other pet peeve urban legend that all the trash talkers on 75 meters hold Extras. Actually, very few of them do, and the Extra band is from 3750 to 3775. Not much trash-talking down there . . .

I was lucky Thursday night in that I did not hear the guy, but I appreciate your efforts to move him off.

72/73, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6

Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe
Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 55th year and it just keeps getting better!
Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina #91900556 IC-765 #02437

Brian Kassel wrote:

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Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 20:50:25 -0500
From: "Pastor-KC1DI" <elbc@pivot.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93067] FT: Ten Tec Scout
Message-ID: <006701c0a384\$51f38be0\$5111a1d0@elbc>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi All I would Like to Trade a Ten Ten Scout with all Band Modules 160--10m
in good shape .
Interested in SCG 2020 or Similar.
if interested in further info Please Email direct elbc@pivot.net

72/73 , Dave KC1DI

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 21:04:51 -0500
From: Fred Lesnick <flesnick@tbaytel.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93068] Fireball Oscillators
Message-ID: <3AA05143.527F29E@tbaytel.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

they use little oscillators
rather than crystals,

Yea, that is what I was looking for, the oscillators that you find on
many computer boards, I was told that you can order them for a specific
frequency, but not sure if this is so...

Fred
VE3FAL

Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 21:11:17 -0500
From: "Brian Murrey" <bmmurray@amexol.net>
To: "pigs" <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>, "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: "Rick Reneau - KB9NDF" <rreneau@iquest.net>
Subject: [93069] MP20 Building begins!

Message-ID: <003901c0a387\$3c722580\$d02f2bd1@iquest.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have just updated the Flying Pigs QRP Club International website.

The club build of the MP20 all band transceiver is now underway. Stop by and take a look at the lessons we've done so far and the great pictures by Diz (W8DIZ).

72 all y'all

<http://www.fpqrp.com/pigg20>

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KB9BVN NORCAL 2792 FISTS 5695 QRP-L 1540 QRP-ARCI 10223
    39.558 N   86.095 W   Johnson Co., Indiana
    GRID: EM69WN - Ten Tec Scout - Attic Dipole - 5w
    Member of the American Radio Relay League - SOC #400
    FISTS Century Club #764/#24 QRP - Flying PIG QRP #-57
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Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 18:16:14 -0800
From: "Tom Scott" <tomrscott@sterlink.net>
To: <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>, "'qrp-l Reflector'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93070] RE: Where to get NE602's
Message-ID: <002001c0a387\$ee7177e0\$01010a0a@mhl1t70164>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
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Perhaps I can answer a some of these questions and provide some other useful info:

1. Anthem Electronics was the name of a major national industrial distributor of electronic components, like my employer Arrow Electronics. They were bought out and no longer exist (for quite a while as I recall).
2. Anthem never manufactured ICs. Radio Shack probably had Anthem still listed as their source for these parts.
3. Store chains like Radio Shack are not franchised distributors for ICs themselves, but buy from franchised distributors and mark it up again.
4. With all the semiconductor manufacturer and distributor mergers, name

changes, and acquisitions of the last several years, its pretty hard to keep track of who's who in the zoo.

5. I'm fairly certain that Philips is the only remaining manufacturer of these parts.

6. The Philips web site has a document that indicates that the SA prefix has replaced the NE prefix for both the 612 and the 602. Seems to me one or the other was originally Signetics and then they were bought by Philips, but I'm not certain of the details.

7. The 602 device is slightly better than the 612 as I recall, but for most hobbyist purposes we consider them interchangeable. See below for links to the Philips datasheets if you want to see the details.

8. The SA602AN and the SA612AN are the two DIP versions that you are most likely to find in inventory. The devices with a "D" in place of the "N" indicate a surface mount package.

9. Philips lists three industrial distributors of their SA602 family of devices: Arrow, Avnet, and Pioneer.

10. In my opinion, we should expect that through hole versions will become hard to come by since there are probably few if any volume products using the through-hole versions. The last volume usage of 602 in surface mount that I've heard of is wireless POTS telephones (not to be confused with cell phones). I would expect that probably all of these use surface mount these days. The DIP packaged parts may be only serving hobbyists at this point, and it doesn't take much to realize that's not much volume to support a packaging run. If anyone knows differently, I'd love to hear about it, but that's what I'm hearing.

These are the part numbers currently listed as active by Philips:

ORDER CODES	DESCRIPTION
SA602AN	8-Pin Plastic Dual In-Line Plastic (DIP)
SA602AD	8-Pin Plastic Small Outline (SO) package (Surface-mount)
SA612AN	8-Pin Plastic Dual In-Line Plastic (DIP)
SA612AD	8-Pin Plastic Small Outline (SO) package (Surface-Mount)

Datasheet links

<http://www-us.semiconductors.philips.com/acrobat/datasheets/SA602A.pdf>

<http://www-us.semiconductors.philips.com/acrobat/datasheets/SA612A.pdf>

Philips Buy Online link:

<http://www-us6.semiconductors.com/pip/sa602ad>

Philips lists these devices as full production on their web site, but some other databases I've seen show these devices as discontinued, so I'm not sure what the real story is. If I can get some more authoritative information from the manufacturer, I'll report it here. The above link lists the three industrial distributors for Philips. When I looked, Pioneer was the only one that showed stock. Clicking through to Pioneer takes you to the Pioneer site:

http://www.ied.pios.com/catalog/pio_Catalog.asp?From=PHI&sNewlink=LINK&mfg_c

ode=%27PHI%27&part_number=SA602AN&pw=93419040c2320920043202560335646530760b4b1aa21013ad

I placed an order Pioneer for 5 pieces at \$1.2051 (?) each for a total of \$6.03, and they accepted the order, but tacked on \$11.02 shipping and handling for a total of \$17.05. On the other hand, if you order a quantity of 50 each, you get the same shipping and handling for a total of \$71.28. None of this seems unreasonable in terms of their costs for small orders.

I hope this information is helpful to some folks.

73!

- Tom Scott, eEngineering
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9500 SW Nimbus #E
Beaverton, OR 97008
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503-629-8090 - Branch
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503-703-2032 - Cell
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-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of ZOOM
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2001 1:56 PM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: Re: Where to get NE602's

I was at RS today and looked in their book of electronic components they carry and no mention of SA602AN. Is there perhaps another part number for these?

Cheers,
Robert
VE3RPF

----- Original Message -----

From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2001 2:12 PM
Subject: Re: Where to get NE602's

> Radio Shack still shows as having them (2.97), and they showed as out of
> stock a couple of weeks ago. I take that as a good sign. They still show
> 612's as out of stock.

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> Someone on the list reported getting them from RS in the past couple of
> days, and said that, although the web page shows Anthem Electronic, they
> came back as Phillips parts. I ordered some A/D's a couple weeks ago that
> were also listed as Anthem, and came back as National. Not sure who this
> Anthem outfit is, but I couldn't find anything of interest on the web.
> Sounds like maybe it's just a buyer for RS or something.

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> 72/73 de WB8RCR <http://members.home.com/wb8rcr/index.htm>
> didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Doug Hendricks" <ki6ds@dph.dpol.net>
> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
> Sent: Friday, March 02, 2001 2:01 PM
> Subject: Where to get NE602's

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> > Tom, I don't think there is an ECG equiv. to the NE602. But you can buy
> > them from Bob at Homebrew Electronics. Go to:

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> > http://users.ids.net/~hb_elec/

> >

> > and scroll down to the IC section. His price is \$2.75 each, which is
not

> > bad today. Does anyone know if Philips is going to start making them
> again

> > in through hole version? I am curious. 72, Doug

> >

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Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 19:24:15 -0700
From: "Bob Hightower" <nk7m@extremezone.com>
To: <bkassel@dancris.com>
Cc: "qrp list" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [93071] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <000a01c0a389\$0c09f4c0\$50127d3f@de11>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The guy lives in SoCal, and is 84 yrs old, so maybe he can't hear well :^).

Early on, tho, he did respond to a qrl and stopped for awhile, but started up again.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Brian Kassel" <bkassel@dancris.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Friday, March 02, 2001 6:25 AM

Subject: Fox and the Lid

> Gangue:

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> I just have to get this off of my chest. My vote for LID of the month
> goes to the station that was within 20 hz of the Fox, carrying on a long
> QSO. He was VERY strong, the Fox, as it was, very weak. Several times
> during his QSO I and several others attempted to get him to move by
> sending QRL PSE QSY etc. NO acknowledgment, even when I switched to 100
> W so as to chase him off. The kicker was when he complained to the
> station with which he was in QSO that " the QRM is very bad tonight".
> Several times he messed up his own call sign, which BTW was a 1X2, so he
> must have been an extra class person.

>

> Can we assume that Rocket science is not within the realm of
> possibilities for this individual? Heloooooooo?

>

> OK, I feel better now. Some folks are just more proficient than others
> I guess, some folks will just never try. I make mistakes too of course,
> and have made some doosies. I like to think though, I continue to try,
> maybe that's where the frustration lies. I don't think that this person
> is trying.

>

> I feel better now.

>

> 71 er I mean 72 ;)

>

> Brian K7RE

>

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 21:16:37 -0500

From: Dan Wolfe <n4roa@mounet.com>

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93072] Fox: Log for 03-01-01
Message-ID: <3AA05405.473F@mounet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Howdy ye biters of fox fur,

Here is a preliminary log for my last run as the Cub Fox. Hope everything is ok. If it is, it will be a first for me as I usually mess up somewhere. I read the info to my wife as she typed, so if there are any mistakes, I plan on blaming it on her. hee hee Let me know if something is amiss.

The run lasted the full 2 hours this time. I had hounds calling right up to the whistle. Sorry for a couple that I could just barely tell were in there but could just not pull out. Thanks to all who tried. Again, I worked a few with milliwatt level power. AF4PS, Mac, called in late with 100mw. Sure enjoyed it hounds. Thanks a bunch.

72/73.. Cub Fox Dan, N4ROA

0200	N4S0	599	AL	KEN	5W	
0201	KK5LD		559	TX	DAN	5W
0201	AF4PS		589	FL	MAC	500mw
0202	N1TP	559	FL	TOM	5W	
0204	K0EVZ		589	ND	DOC	5W
0205	KC1FB		599	CT	JIM	5W
0206	K4BYF		589	FL	JACK	5W
0208	W9HL	579	IL	RANDY		5W
0209	AC5JH		559	OK	TOM	5W
0210	N8VAR		599	OH	RON	5W
0211	W9WIS		559	WI	MIKE	5W
0213	VE3FAL		599	ON	FRED	5W
0215	WA9PWP		589	WI	PAUL	5W
0217	KB9YIG		589	IN	TONY	2W
0219	NF0R	579	MO	DAVE		4W
0220	KB9BVN		599	IN	BRIAN	5W
0222	KU4TN		599	FL	JAMES	500mw
0224	KB7WW		559	OR	ART	5W
0226	W0CH	589	MO	DAVE		2W
0228	KE0WW		559	MN	MIKE	5W
0229	N4VM	559	TN	BYRN		5W
0231	AA7EQ		559	AZ	BOB	5W
0233	W6ABC		579	CA	JACK	5W

0234	WA7TQK	599	ID	BILL	5W	
0236	KJ0C	559	MO	JIM	5W	
0237	NC90	599	IL	SKIP	2W	
0239	K9IS	579	WI	STEVE	5W	
0240	N3AO	599	PA	CARTER	5W	
0242	AB5XQ	559	AR	BILL	5W	
0243	N9WW	579	IL	JIM	5W	
0245	KG4FGC	559	NC	KEN	5W	
0247	AF4LQ	579	KY	MIKE	5W	
0249	AA7XA	579	OR	FRANK	5W	
0250	WA0SXV	589	MO	MIKE	2W	
0252	AC5II	559	OK	DON	5W	
0254	W3SMK	559	NJ	STEVE	500mW	
0256	K5DW	579	TX	DON	5W	
0257	KB1ENS	559	VT	JOHN	1W	
0259	W3ERU	559	MD	WES	5W	
0301	N5IB	559	LA	JIM	5W	
0302	W5YR	559	TX	GEORGE	5W	
0304	N04D	559	SC	KEN	5W	
0306	N50HL	559	OK	JIM	5W	
0308	VA6RF	559	AB	EARL	5W	
0310	W3PNL	599	PA	JOE	3W	
0315	K5DI	539	NM	CARL	5W	
0318	NV4V	559	KY	PETE	5W	
0323	KC0GXX	559	NE	TOM	3W	
0326	KG6CMS	539	CA	RON	5W	
0331	WD5CMA	559	LA	GLORIA	500mW	
0336	KE6RS	559	CA	RON	5W	
0339	KR5N	579	TX	MARCUS	2.5W	
0342	KI0II	559	CO	RON	5W	
0344	WB8WTU	559	OH	DENNIS	5W	
0347	N0DSP	559	CO	TOM	5W	
0350	KE6HEG	339	CA	BILL	5W	
0351	K4TJD	559	GA	TOM	5W	
0352	WU9F	579	WI	TERRY	5W	
0358	KA9KWR	599	IL	DAVE	100W	
0358	AF4PS	589	FL	MAC	100mW	Dupe
0400	W5YW	559	LA	MIKE	2W	
0400	N4ROA					

Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 21:29:59 -0500
 From: "Larry Przyborowski" <k3peg@yahoo.com>
 To: <ki6ds@dph.dpol.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
 Subject: [93073] Re: Where to get NE602's
 Message-ID: <001901c0a389\$d9f91280\$9483accf@master>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Doug, the SA602ANs I got from RadioShack were made by Phillips. It is a mini DIP (thru-hole) part, but I'm sure you already know this.

72, Larry

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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 02:45:36 +0000
From: Larry S Cahoon <wd3p@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93074] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <20010303.024541.-3731281.0.wd3p@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Let's not assume that just because you hear the Fox and you hear the "LID" that either the "LID" or the Fox can hear each other. That is not the way propagation works. The best example may be if the Fox is in CA and the LID is in MD they just may not hear each other on 40 meters. Now if I'm in KS I may well hear both of them. That does not give me the right to QRM one to talk to the other - I'm just plain out of luck.

Now if the Fox is working split there is no reason for the "LID" to move if he doesn't hear Fox. The Fox won't hear him as he is listening elsewhere. As far as the "LID" is concerned the frequency is open. This "LID" is not going to hear the hounds who are also transmitting elsewhere - hopefully where the Fox is listening. Now if you and twenty others come on and tell the "LID" to move I have to vote in favor of the "LID." There is nothing in the rules that says the "LID" has to move just because you want a QSO with someone he can't hear - just because he and the Fox are sharing the same frequency. You as a third party in QSO with neither the Fox nor the "LID" have no standing. You aren't using the frequency - you just want to use it.

So what do you do. Put on the narrowest filter you can, catch the Fox as best you can and call him every chance you get. Remember you won't QRM the "LID" as he is not listening on the same frequency that the Fox is listening on.

73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD

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Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 22:07:50 -0500

From: "Larry Przyborowski" <k3peg@yahoo.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [93075] Re: RS SA602AN

Message-ID: <005001c0a38f\$2416d1e0\$4c82accf@master>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang,

Radio Shack's search engine works for this part if you type in the part number as "SA602AN".

Either upper or lower case letters work for the search.

72, Larry

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Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 16:51:58 -0800

From: "K7FD-N7SG" <cqdx@teleport.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [93076] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!

Message-ID: <002401c0a37c\$2b069de0\$52231ad8@default>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I've never known a crazed hound that didn't bark a lot...

John K7FD

>I agree Larry. Lots of the major QRM are the hounds who send their call
>many times..
>73 es tn timer for your comments.
>Pete NV4V

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 20:27:41 -0700
From: Larry East <wlhue@amsat.org>
To: Kevin Anderson <k9iua@juno.com>
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93077] FOX Hunts
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.2.20010302202517.00b09260@mail.ida.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

From a recent post by Kevin Anderson:

>- THIS IS A CONTEST, which means people want to "win"
>(i.e., get a pelt) -- we have teams all competing for
>recognition, with have hunters trying to get as many
>pelts as they can -- I repeat, this is a contest that
>people want to win. And it is a contest that goes for
>40+ nights -- just like baseball -- lots of pressure
>if you want to score "big" by the end of the season
>after the 20+ week entire foxhunt....

What, exactly, does one receive by "winning"?

Back in the beginning, Fox hunts were actually fun. And I was even a Fox a couple of times. Sorry, Kevin, but I have been completely turned off by what they have become.

Sheessshhhh...

Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 20:34:34 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Brian Kassel <bkassel@dancris.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93078] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.31.0103022022480.2789-100000@cannac.ampr.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Brian you were not a road-kill of conditions yesterday. I could not copy the Fox well at all. He was at best 339 and if I was not a Hound looking for a Fox, I would call it a "clear frequency". I can believe the guy who started the QSO running perhaps high power, had zero idea he was interfering with anything! Then part way through his QSO these maniacs came on frequency at 30 wpm sending something he could not copy, since he was trying to copy his buddy over this QRM.

I think we better get used to this kind of experiance and get better at copy under QRM conditions. You see, we don't own any frequency. We use 7040 and call it a QRP frequency. It is pretty good until the ARRL DX Contest weekend. Then a Texas Killowatt sat right on 7040 and called cq dx. I worked him with my SMK-1. I got 599. So did everyone.

On Fri, 2 Mar 2001, Brian Kassel wrote:

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> QSO. He was VERY strong, the Fox, as it was, very weak. Several times
> during his QSO I and several others attempted to get him to move by
> sending QRL PSE QSY etc. NO acknowledgment, even when I switched to 100

So please look at the whole incident from the other guys view. We looked pretty stupid...:-)

Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 20:40:08 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93079] Re: FOX- Reasonable Behavior (RE: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!)
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.31.0103022036060.2789-100000@cannac.ampr.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I third all below. When your 2 khz off the Fox your trying for a clear frequency the fox will tune over. If the Fox has not found someone after your first call do it again. And again. And again until you hear Fox go back to someone.

When the Fox is nearly gone signal wise quit early. If you need ESP to make out what he says, your not going to be heard.

On Fri, 2 Mar 2001, Dave Sjolín wrote:

> Kevin Anderson wrote:
> >
> > - Today, with operating split, it is more a matter of
> > finding the right FREQUENCY. As long as you
> > are not on the Fox's frequency (I agree, get at least
> > 100 to 200 HZ or more OFF!!), what does it hurt to
> > call more than once? As long as you pause and listen
> > for the Fox at the same time (else you won't know when
> > he/she is working YOU, ahah!) [As long as you are listening
> > for the Fox, calling again and again with definite pauses
> > is not necessarily harming the Fox -- instead, it is
> > a reasonable ploy to get so you are the hunter heard
> > and not your neighbor who also calling --
> > think about that....]
>
> I agree Kevin. When the pileup is as big as last night, the fox is not
> likely to get the call if people only send it once with most of them
> sending it at about the same time on the same frequency.
>
> I will find a frequency, throw my call in once or twice, listen, throw
> it in two more times, listen, throw it in again, listen. This is all
> contingent on the fact that I can hear the fox well. My rig has great
> qsk and as long as the fox frequency is clear, I can hear the fox when
> he comes back to someone. One tap of my paddles and the keyer will stop.
>
> What I think was causing a lot of the calling last night was that
> everyone is learning their pileup busting techniques too good. Everyone
> seems to be spotting the last station worked and calling on or very near
> that frequency. I didnt have any success until I figured out the limits
> of where the fox was working and then moved far from the last caller and
> waited for the fox to come to me.

>
> 73 de Dave, N0IT
>
>

Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 21:54:09 -0600
From: crc@io.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93080] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <3AA01681.29770.171099F@localhost>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

IMHO

The gentleman is 84 and deserves some respect

The gentleman is 84 and still on CW he deserves some respect

The gentleman is 84 still on CW and he was there first, he
deserves some respect.

When I am 84 if I can still send a shaky CQ if I mess up my call a
few times in a QSO with a buddy I hope some young whipper-
snapper doesn't put it on the internet for 3000 other hams to hear
about my shakeyness.

IMHO Winning isn't everything, but Respect is.

charlie c

W5KRF

Texas

charlie c

Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 23:07:00 -0500
From: w2xn@juno.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93081] Cub FOX Hunts
Message-ID: <20010302.230720.-820775.7.w2xn@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Fox hunts are for fun?

What I am having trouble with is that the Cub Fox Hunts are slow speed and for a good reason -- to help those who are slower in CW speed to get into hunts and have fun. BUT, look at the competition and look how many of those whose call signs show up in the log are not "slow speed" CW operators (mine included, embarrassed). How many "slow speed" hounds were left out because those who have much faster CW capabilities get in the log. Should the rules be written differently ?

Fred W2XN w2xn@arrl.net
ARRL, ARES, Skywarn #POL-007, V E;
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Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 23:24:11 EST
From: Macstein@aol.com
To: k5di@zianet.com, qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93082] Re: FOX- Reasonable Behavior (RE: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!)
Message-ID: <17.1258976f.27d1cbeb@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
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In a message dated 3/2/2001 10:40:09 PM Eastern Standard Time,
k5di@zianet.com writes:

> When the Fox is nearly gone signal wise quit early. If you need ESP to
> make out what he says, your not going to be heard.

Humm, I'd have missed half the cub foxes if I did this. This is personal preference for sure, but I call if I hear them... AT ALL - including ESP "hearing"... sometimes they come back to me, sometimes they don't. If the fox is being worked by hounds, I stay the whole 2 hours, or until I log 'em. Call me competitive, call me obsessive, call me stubborn, etc. I try to only call when I HEAR them. I will call on the Fox's frequency for two reasons: 1) the Fox is working stations "simplex", 2) I forget to hit the "SPLIT" button.... D'OH!!!! (I am SOC #28). I'm learning from this thread.

-MAC-
AF4PS

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 23:36:36 -0500
From: GRW <grwidma@edcen.ehhs.cmich.edu>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93083] Re: FS: Wilderness Sierra \$\$-drop!
Message-ID: <3AA074D3.238F531B@edcen.ehhs.cmich.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Mark, still have radio?

Gary/N8AYY

Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 20:30:34 -0800 (PST)
From: Ji m <ku4qw@yahoo.com>
To: qrp-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93084] NEW Kit
Message-ID: <20010303043034.11209.qmail@web2303.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Is it time for a new kit to come along, something like a sierra/cascade or something like that? Anyone have anything in the works?

Also I remember a year or so ago someone had a new multiband kit that was going to be sold by halted but that is all I remember about it anyone have any ideas?

Also I'm trying to sell a bunch of qrp stuff to get a sierra anyone have a unbuilt one they want to sell or trade off?

I have hw-7, hw-8, unbuilt nc-20, zm-2, nc-40 for sale?

=====

72 es CUL Jim, KU4QW
KU4QW@yahoo.com

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Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 22:28:18 -0600
From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93085] HC2WI on 14.023 @ 0434Z
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010302222616.00a2d8d0@bbs.galilei.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

HC2WI on 14.023 @ 0434Z

579 into Midwest. Slow CW on hand-key. Very good ears.

Used Corsair I and 2W to SLQ vertical.

Good luck,

de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 23:32:29 -0500
From: "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@erols.com>
To: "NJQRP" <NJQRP@njqrp.org>, "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [93086] 51-ohm 35W T0220 power resistor for 4017 Xvrtr
Message-ID: <001001c0a39b\$13528f50\$7059accf@ghlpt4>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Whew, this email's title is a mouthful but it says it all.

We've received our bulk order of 51-ohm, 35W, T0220 packaged power resistors. These are the resistors specified for the input attenuator in the K8IQY "4017" Transverter kit made available not long ago by the NJQRP Club. (It's also featured in the immanently available QRP Homebrewer #5.)

This non-inductive power resistor looks like a 2-pronged version of a TIP34 (etc.) power transistor or the 1 amp LM78xx voltage regulators that many of use.

In addition to its use in the 4017 Kit, this 51-ohm resistor is ideal for use as a nice and compact dummy load for some of your other projects on the bench.

The NJQRP made a bulk purchase of these babies for our 4017 Kit (which we'll be doing more of when QHB #5 its the streets) as well as any of you QRPers here on the lists who might want a couple for your separate project.

QRPers can get these resistors from us for \$3 each (limit 2 per order), includes shipping. Use of PayPal is best, easiest and quickest (use "pay to address" of n2apb@amsat.org). Or send check/M.O. made out to "George Heron, N2APB" and send to:

George Heron, N2APB
2419 Feather Mae Court
Forest Hill, MD 21050

73, George N2APB
n2apb@amsat.org
for the NJQRP at <http://www.njqrp.org>

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 21:37:46 -0700
From: Andrew Madsen <andrew@utahdesign.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93087] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <3AA0751A.6A7EAB9@utahdesign.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Unless something has changed in about the last 6 months, that's not true. You can only request 1x2 (or 2x1 or 2x2 starting with "A") vanity calls if you hold an extra class license. Generals can have 2x2 or 1x3 (or 2x3), and Techs can have 1x3 or 2x3. So if his call was a 1x2, he was an extra class licensee.

73,
Andrew Madsen AC7CF

>but nowadays with vanity
>calls available, any call could accompany any license class at any
>geographical location.

--

73,
Andrew R. Madsen AC7CF
ac7cf@youngradioamateurs.com
<http://www.youngradioamateurs.com/>
League of Young Radio Amateurs
Utah Section Manager
Electronics Committee Chairman
CW/QRP Committee Co-Chairman

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 21:44:20 -0700
From: Andrew Madsen <andrew@utahdesign.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93088] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <3AA076A4.71181A00@utahdesign.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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>calls available, any call could accompany any license class at any
>geographical location.

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2001 22:50:41 -0600
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: w2xn@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93089] Re: Cub FOX Hunts
Message-ID: <3AA07821.DF36016E@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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I'm not sure whose ox is being gored here, but I try to participate in every Fox Hunt that I can, and that includes the Cub Hunts. I do not consider myself a "slow speed" CW operator, although I certainly am by FOC and other standards. Many can leave me in the dust very quickly . . .

I always set my keyer to 10 wpm or less and try to observe the spirit of the occasion. I do not recall ever hearing anyone blatantly "speeding" on a Cub Hunt. My impression this past season has been that the regular hunts have been speedy enough to be interesting, with the Fox usually setting the pace, but that the Cub Hunts have adhered to the notion of "slow and easy," again with the Fox setting the pace.

I guess that my bottom line is that I do not feel that I am preventing anyone from making a contact with my 10 wpm calls just because I am capable of making 30 wpm calls. My observation is that most Cub Hunts run out of takers well before the two hours have passed . . . I guess that I do not see what the problem is.

72/73, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6

Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe
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Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 01:10:45 -0600
From: Bryn Joynes <bryn@pcpractice.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93090] Re: Kenwood TS850SAT and what filters to buy..
Message-ID: <3AA098F5.87776674@pcpractice.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Thanks for the suggestions on this topic. I'm going to buy a 8.83IF
500hz filter, and see how that goes. I'm looking to buy from INRAD.

Once again, thank you.

Bryn
N4VM

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 08:13:39 GMT
From: "Adrian Weiss" <aweiss@usd.edu>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93091] Music of the FOX
Message-ID: <G9LYKZ02.RQ7@mail.usd.edu>

Hi all:

Boy, what a symphony Thurs. night! How do all those sigs become
so strong? Love it!!

Not much we can do about QRO types tuning up and CQ'ing on
freq except to QRL them and take what comes. I'm assuming
that there are no evil intentions involved.

But, part of the FOX exercise is to learn how to work a pile-up
respectfully. That means moving off the FOX's frequency as
far as you can. I can go 1.5kHz without RIT by tuning away
until he's at the top of my filter roll-off. Unless you are xtal
controlled, you have this option.

100-200Hz isn't enough.

BUT, there is one inviolable rule: when the FOX comes back to
"OS?", that means ONLY the "OS?" station should be responding.
The tactics for slipping in one's call are fine when it is a general
"QRZ" by the FOX, but when he is responding to a single station

identified only by the few letters he's copied thus far, responses from other stations interfere with the exercise. I have listened on many occasions to the FOX work hard to finish a QSO because of the many others who continue to fire off their calls right on the frequency of the station that the FOX has partially identified. Let the FOX do his job. Personally, if I were FOX, I would insert the calls of stns who ignore my partial responses and clutter up the freq. of the station I was trying to work. They'd show up as a dupe if I ever did try to enter them again.

So, give the FOX a break! He'll work a lot more stations if everyone patiently allows him to work the particular station he is recognizing.

72, Ade

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 08:20:32 GMT
From: "Adrian Weiss" <aweiss@usd.edu>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93092] RE: 30m Perking Wed, Thurs, Fri nights.
Message-ID: <G9LYWG02.UOZ@mail.usd.edu>

Hi all:

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Off to Tempe AZ for a week!

72, ADe

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 01:37:37 -0500
From: "Reynolds, Robert (CAP, GEFA)" <Robert.Reynolds@gecapital.com>
To: "'qrp-1@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [93093] BATTERY CHARGING

Message-ID:

<E53B45DBF78DD3118F4700508B6F256004BD15A9@xs01schgefage.gefa.capital.ge.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 03:44:14 -0500 (EST)

From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>

To: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [93094] Re: QRP Most Used Parts - one more time

Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.33.0103030318160.90959-100000@u1.abs.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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I cast my VOTE in Favor of Building a Personal "Junque Box".

Some say Yea, Some Say Nay, but The only one that Counts is You.

If your are going to Build, Modify, Experiment, or Repair, you are going to need parts.

Some try to do it all with what ever they can "Re-Cycle", but that makes for a very limited choice.

I personally Choose to use a combination of Re-Cycled Components and New Components.

The one only requires careful recording of what is what and stash them in some Shoe Boxes or Coffee Cans. I had a friend who likes glass jars. Baby food, Pickles, Etc. A wood screw thru a hole in the lid to secure it to the Ceiling Joists and fill the jar with bits and screw it onto the lid.

Easy to see what you have, but care must be used to assure that you don't drop a jar.:^)

I use Coffee Cans, Shoe Boxes, Rubber Maid Containers, and large Cardboard boxes. OH YES, and Large Totes. (I like the 10 Gallon and 16 Gallon Models).

They are also good for storage of Kits and Projects waiting to be done.

If I saw a project I liked, I made a folder and put all of the paperwork

in it, or even the whole magazine, a Parts list and the various parts.

Some were actually built :^)

There are several QRP Parts Vendors, and I recommend them all. Don't forget the NorCal Parts Kits. They are a very good deal and help get you off to a good start. Even if no longer offered, you should be able to obtain the List of kit contents and try to make up your own kit. Likely to cost a bit more as you won't have the buying power of NorCal.

What should you put in your Kit? What do you want to do with it?

Only you can decide. I say Look at Doug's List and Chuck's list and then look thru a bunch of publications and pick out the projects that interest you, then make your own list.

No two "Junque Boxes" are alike. Just like people, they each have their own personalities, strengths, and weaknesses.

Just remember, Some Parts are no longer available. Now aren't you glad you stocked up on those NE602's ? I have a few sets of FIFO chips for a CW Keyboard Project. It may never get finished, but I know Where the Main parts are located. In the Box with the Keyboard and it's custom wooden case. Did I mention that it is a "Wire Wrap" Project? :^)

It all started with a "Get-A-Round-To-It Box", then a barrel, then a Basement. :^) I bet I have more Unfinished Kits than you do. :^)

Just ask Mike C.

Sir George, The First :^)

72 ES

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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 04:19:28 -0500 (EST)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93095] Re: RF Burns Again
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.33.0103030344190.90959-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Every one seems to be sharing their tales of their brushes with Danger and "Living to Tell the Tale". My first "NEAR DEATH" experience came in the still of the Night, as a lad of about 15 as I recall. I had one of those very old and very large T.V. Chassis on the basement workbench. It was about 2 or 3 A.M. in the Morning, I had been tinkering most of the night. Taking parts from one carcass and putting them in another. Trying to Make One good one out of several "FREE Ones". The man down the street Did T.V. Repair work. I got the ones that could not be fixed. :^)

I had a metal folding chair behind me, but I was standing at the time.

I had a Large Power Transformer on the bench and was about to attempt measuring the High Voltage Secondary (800-0-800) for Full Wave Rectifier.

This is a lesson about how not to do it. :^} It seems that I let the fingers get too close to the probe tips as I measured the Voltage "Finger Tip to Finger Tip" Dumb stuff was supposed to go thru the VTVM. It took the path thru my finger tips instead. I was locked to it for a bit, then I Broke free and back flipped over the metal chair. You never saw anyone Kill the power and close up shop any quicker than I did that night.

Scared the Hello out of me. :^} Two burnt finger tips kept me away from the workbench for a couple of weeks.

It was about five years later that I learned about keeping one hand in your pocket. and use Gator clips to hook the meter to the wires "BEFORE" you turn on the power..

The Next Incident was in our Radio Shop in U.S.A.F. out in Oregon on top of a Little Costal Mountain called Mt. Hebo. I was working on something in the back when I smelt burning flesh. A friend and Fellow Radioman was Tinkering with an Old BC-610 for MARS Station. I quickly killed the Power to the site. He is the one who got the lesson that day. Yes, He Lived to tell the tale, but He will carry his "R.F. Brand" to his grave. He had on one of those Spidel Type Watch bands. Did I mention never to try using Plexiglass for repairing Tank Circuit Plug in Coils?

My son-in-law (Journeyman Electrician) is also a walking,talking member of

the "Lived to tell the Tale" club. The Wire on one side of the wall is not always the same wire as on the other side of the wall. Cutting off a dead? wire can be hazardous to your health. It turned out not to be 110v but something like 400 v for the lighting. The lights may have saved him, by limiting the current. Did I mention that he was on a "METAL" Ladder?

His feet kicked a bunch of nails in the walls. He was sore for a week, but is back on the job.

All I can say, is that I hope you don't get a chance to "Join the Club"

One more reason to do QRP... :^} I did eventually get one of those T.V.'s rebuilt. I traded it for a Horizontal Shaft Lawn Mower Motor to build my first Car. You couldn't call it a GO Cart, it looked more like a Model A. Big Wood Thing with Doors, seats and windows. Did about 5 MPH.

Wish I had photos of it. I can still remember it today.

My second car was a 1953 Chevy Convertible (Bright Yellow). :^}

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Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 09:31:12
From: "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
To: Robert.Reynolds@gecapital.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93096] Re: BATTERY CHARGING
Message-ID: <F171iCvd6CobgZuIkf600016aa7@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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I did this with a duff battery pack for my handheld. Provided the charger uses the standard C/10 slow charge rate, you should be OK. A Ni/Cd fast charger will cook the NiMH cells. They can be fast charged, but you need the correct charger.

73, Leon

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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 06:06:33 -0500
From: "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
To: <w2xn@juno.com>
Cc: "qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU" <QRP-L@LEHIGH.EDU>
Subject: [93097] Re: Cub FOX Hunts
Message-ID: <006001c0a3d2\$025728a0\$58984d0c@tom>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Tom, N1TP
Naples, Florida

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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2001 11:07 PM
Subject: Cub FOX Hunts

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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 05:33:21 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Tom <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93098] Re: Cub FOX Hunts
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.31.0103030525220.808-1000000@cannac.ampr.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

This is all a function of the Fox. A Cub Hunt Fox is asked to run at 10 wpm but in other ways run a normal hunt. See www.qsl.net/k5di/fox/ for details. I am a Hound and enjoy the relaxed pace of the Cub Hunt. And often have had words with the Fox and enjoy working him. When in Rome, I also set my keyer to 10 wpm. After all, this is all designed to get new people interested in Fox Hunting.

Never know how many are using the Cub Hunt to learn. But every so often there is a gushy note to the list about a first Pelt. I recall writing one myself. This makes it worth while.

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2001 20:12:32 +0100
From: "Juan Jose Pastor Estornell" <juanjope@ctv.es>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93099] Sick VHF handheld.
Message-ID: <000201c0a3df\$0612be20\$798319d4@fer>

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charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hello again from Spain.

I am the owner to an Alinco DJ-190 2 meter handheld transceiver. Firstly the PTT key went south but I still could use it thru the external microphone jack but right now it cannot be keyed and shows a C in the upper left corner where no indicator is shown in the manuals... I guess I need some help, don't I?. Any info to get the beast back to transmission will be valuable. TIA!

73, 72 de Juanjo, EC5ACA/QRP. EA-QRP #104, G-QRP #9742, QRP-L #1662.

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Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 08:07:25 -0500 (EST)
From: "John L. Sielke" <w2agn@pobox.com>
To: Adrian Weiss <aweiss@usd.edu>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93100] RE: 30m Perking Wed, Thurs, Fri nights.
Message-ID: <XFMail.010303080725.w2agn@pobox.com>
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Gee, I worked him, too. Thanks for tipping me off so instead of a QSL, I'll send a scathing note!

John W2AGN

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SOC #390, fpQRP, ARLHS, 00TC, Elecraft K2 #00023 K1 #00146

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 08:15:59 EST
From: K4IA@aol.com
To: w2agn@pobox.com
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93101] Re: 30m Perking Wed, Thurs, Fri nights.
Message-ID: <cf.309df2d.27d2488f@aol.com>
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According to March 1 ARRL DX News, 5U3K and 5U3T QSL via I2YSB.

It's not April 1 yet.

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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 07:26:48 -0600
From: "Kelly Ellison" <kelman@ dialnet.net>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [93102] FT-817 list?
Message-ID: <000e01c0a3e5\$9ada2600\$d5cae0d8@pavilion>
MIME-Version: 1.0

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charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hello,

A while back, I found a discussion group for FT-817 owners... but I can't find it now. Could somebody send me the information? Thanks in advance.

Kelly Ellison - WB0WQS

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 08:43:54 -0500
From: "Phil (VA3UX)" <phil@vaxxine.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93103] 5U3T
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.20010303084354.007a4160@vaxxine.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

5U3T and 5U2K are legit calls. Qsl via I2YSB.

Check the DX info on <http://www.eham.net> for info on other dx stations.

Phil

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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 08:13:40 -0600
From: Ken Brown <n4so@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93104] FT-817 Yaesu reflector
Message-ID: <20010303.082248.14590.29.n4so@juno.com>

FT817.txt

Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2001 19:58:01 -0500 (EST)
Subject: Yaesu FT-817 Reflector

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DX: Niger 5U3T 10107/10110 split 0337Z
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NIGER, 5U 5U2K and 5U3T are now QRV on 40 to 10
meters using SSB and CW, respectively. QSL both
via I2YSB. Source: ARRL DX news March 1, 2001.

Ken Brown N4SO
Mobile, AL EM50tk
NorCal 20 at 5 watts
4 element mono. yagi
Elecraft K1 #260

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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 06:42:56 -0800

From: "K7FD N7SG" <cqdx@teleport.com>

To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [93105] Fox Manners

Message-ID: <000701c0a3f0\$3d3f21c0\$6d231ad8@N7SG>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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73 John K7FD

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 09:00:12 -0600

From: "Chuck Carpenter" <w5usj@globeco.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93106] Toroid L and LC Meter IIB [longish]
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.20010303090012.006bee10@mail.globeco.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Toroid Winders,

Having built the AADE LC Meter IIB, I wanted to check out some toroids to learn what the different mixes produce. I also had a couple of unknowns in my accumulation of parts (i.e., junque box).

I've found this LC meter to be one of the most useful pieces of equipment I have and now wonder how I ever got along without one. Of course, when I stopped building things 30 years ago, tools like this weren't readily available.

Back to the toroids.

Summary:

Information found in the W1FB manuals was used as a place to start for the toroid windings.

The Amidon toroid information sheet was also used as a source of data.

Toroids wound on powered iron cores have a degree of adjustment. Very little adjustment is possible with ferrite.

Inductance values per number of turns are not linear. That is, 5 turns is not 1/2 the value of 10 turns. 20 turns is not twice the value of 10.

You can make a determination about unknown cores by comparison to a similar known core. But it's not an absolute.

For initial measurements. 10 turns of wire were wound on each core. Measurements were taken with the turns spread evenly over the core and then with the turns pushed tightly together. 28 ga on the size 37 and 26 ga on the others.

I had two unknown cores. One appeared to be ferrite in an **FT50-XX size. The other appears to be powdered iron in *T37-xx size and coded with a red dot.

The following values were produced with the windings I made. Your milage will be likely to vary.

Sample Measurements:

Core	Even	Tight
T37-6 yel	0.45 uH	0.65 uH
T37-2 red	0.54 uH	0.81 uH
FT37-43	41.6 uH	43.0 uH

*T37-xx red dot 0.48 uH 0.65 uH (seems to be ~equiv to T37-6)

T50-6 yel	0.57 uH	0.89 uH
T50-2 red	0.75 uH	1.13 uH

**FT50-xx 57.0 uH 58.0 uH (seems to be ~equiv to FT50-43. The u of 43 material is about 100 times greater than that of type 6 and the inductance difference of the two above is a factor of 100)

T68-2red 0.85 uH 1.5 uH

FT37-43 8T #28 = 22 uH (useful value for small RF chokes)

FT37-43 28T #28 = 284 uH (totally filled the core - large RF choke)

Doing this exercise gave me some insight into the windings needed for various values of inductance. Several filter designs indicated the inductance needed and the core size for power levels but nothing else. Using the LC Meter IIB makes the task simple and with little or no guess work.

Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, Point, Rains Co., TX - EM22cv, NETXQRP #1
ARCI #5422, QRP-L #1306, SOC #57, Six Club #201, SMIRK #6275
RARA #3, NETXQRP <http://www.angelfire.com/tx4/netxqrpclub/>
[TMPS] Qs - 65, States - 25, DX - 16, 3W to HF9V (or W9INN Inv V)

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 10:04:33 GMT
From: Walter D Amos <walt_amos@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93107] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!
Message-ID: <20010303.100456.-146471.3.walt_amos@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 10:22:18 -0500

From: "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>

To: <cqdx@teleport.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [93108] Re: Fox Manners

Message-ID: <001001c0a3f5\$c11d1ec0\$b2b64d0c@tom>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"

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The number of times that a hound should call the Fox when trying
get the Fox's attention is up to each Fox.

Some Fox request that a call sign be dropped once and others request
the hounds drop their call signs several times (my preference).

The rules are silent on this issue.

Of course, no hound should drop his/her call sign after the Fox has
come back to another hound.

Tom, N1TP

----- Original Message -----

From: "K7FD N7SG" <cqdx@teleport.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2001 9:42 AM

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Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 09:15:17 -0600

From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>

To: qrp-L@lehigh.edu

Subject: [93109] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!

Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010303090731.00a652e0@bbs.galilei.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

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de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

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Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 10:13:44 -0500

From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>

To: k5di@zianet.com

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [93110] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <3AA10A28.2DC1FD5A@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Karl,

If what you say is true,
>
> I can believe the guy who
> started the QSO running perhaps high power, had zero idea he was
> interfering with anything! Then part way through his QSO these maniacs
> came on frequency at 30 wpm sending something he could not copy
>
then just exactly who is the LID? The foxhunt is the LID and should
have moved. Just because we all have a bunch of 7040 crystals does not
mean we own the frequency. 7040 is merely a calling frequency, and
entails no rights to its use!

Perhaps all QRPers should be made to reread the rules!

73

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 10:33:29 -0500
From: "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
To: <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-
l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93111] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!
Message-ID: <002d01c0a3f7\$4f137a20\$b2b64d0c@tom>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

NFOR has bagged 10 pelts in the 40 meters non-Cub hunts.

His QSO times Zulu are:
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Tom, N1TP
Official records keeper for the QRP-L Foxhunts

(except Bruce's TEAM Scores).

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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 10:39:39 -0500
From: Mike <kd0ar@alltel.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93112] Re: BATTERY CHARGING
Message-ID: <01030310413501.00423@shack>
Content-Type: text/plain
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

On Sat, 03 Mar 2001, you wrote:

> I got a ni-cad battery pack with a charger several years ago. Now I am replacing the dead ni-cad with a nickel-metal hydride battery pack. Is it safe to charge this new pack with the old ni-cad charger ?

Yes.

It might take a little longer to charge, but yes a nickel metal hydride is compatible with the ni-cad as far as charging is concerned. they were meant as a direct replacement/upgrade to the ni cad.

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 10:46:12 EST
From: N0tk@aol.com
To: andrew@utahdesign.com, qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93113] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <83.79eda84.27d26bc4@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Andrew

As was pointed out earlier, the 2 letter suffix may also be an old timer who received his call before they started on 3 letter suffixes. A shaky fist may also be due to the 5 wpm amateur extras who are now showing up on the bands. Since I have a friend who just got his extra that way, I likewise would ask that they receive some patience from the more experienced operators. Many a new ham, regardless of his license class, doesn't even know what a foxhunt is. We owe them the same patience that we wished was there when we made our first cw contact. Mine was with WV2TVT in the summer of 1961 and my fist was

shaky.
Dan N0TK
Highlands Ranch,CO

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 11:04:39 -0500
From: "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
To: "qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU" <QRP-L@LEHIGH.EDU>
Subject: [93114] Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
Message-ID: <007101c0a3fb\$a83d91e0\$b2b64d0c@tom>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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and a member of "Fists."

Thanks in advance.

Tom, N1TP
Naples, FL.

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 11:10:14 -0500
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: [93115] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
Message-ID: <006801c0a3fc\$6fd833e0\$010044c0@baycty1.mi.home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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That's an awfully short hop for 15. I would look for early afternoon
whenever the flux is at it's peak. You will have an easier time in the

summer.

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://members.home.com/wb8rcr/index.htm>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

----- Original Message -----

From: "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2001 11:04 AM
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> Tom, N1TP
> Naples, FL.
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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 11:11:58 -0500
From: Mike <kd0ar@alltel.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93116] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
Message-ID: <01030311171402.00423@shack>
Content-Type: text/plain
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Your best chances i think would be to work him during a sporadic E opening. These usually happen in the spring (april-June) from about 6pm till after sundown local time. The problem with these openings are that you cant predict when theyre going to occur. On frequencies as low as 15, the openings many times last for several hours, perhaps if one of you see an opening, an email or phone call can alert the other operator. I have worked neighboring states on the higher bands this way. Sigs are strong

usually and usually affect 20 meters and up.

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> Tom, N1TP

> Naples, FL.

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 11:21:36 -0500

From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Cc: <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>

Subject: [93117] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC

Message-ID: <007001c0a3fe\$069dcf00\$010044c0@baycty1.mi.home.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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charset="iso-8859-1"

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Tom

Maybe I should have explained "when the flux is at it's peak" in a little more detail.

The flux goes through a shorter cycle on top of the 11 year cycle with which we are all familiar. If you look at the top of the page on qrz.com in teeny letters you will see stuff like WWV SFI=130, A= 10, K= 5, R= 77 SA.

The SFI number will go up and down over the course of about a month as the sun rotates on it's axis (I think maybe it's 22 days, I'm not so sure). You

want that number to be as high as possible. You also want the A and K numbers to be low, but that doesn't matter as much on 15. They tend to generally follow the flux, but with more extreme excursions as a result of stuff happening on the sun. Today's K=5 is actually pretty bad, but it affects the lower frequencies more.

The higher the SFI, the shorter the skip you will be able to make on the higher frequencies. As the SFI approaches 100 (on 15), the skip lengthens until it falls beyond the horizon and the band shuts down.

Similarly during the day, the skip shortens as the ionosphere gets more ionized and the sun falls more directly. For the shortest skip, you probably want just after solar noon at midpath before the ionization begins to fall.

By the way, I'm not a guru like Paul, but I think I more or less understand it <g>

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://members.home.com/wb8rcr/index.htm>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

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Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2001 11:04 AM
Subject: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC

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Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 10:20:45 -0600
From: Steve Yates - AA5TB <aa5tb@arrl.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93118] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
Message-ID: <000501c0a3fd\$e7547860\$d5713ed8@aa5tb>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Tom,

Normally your signal will skip over South Carolina on 15m. Your best bet is to work backscatter by both of you pointing your antennas to an active region of the Atlantic Ocean. Signals will be weak but usually solid. The

best time will probably be shortly after your sunrise. If you don't have a directional antenna this will be tougher with QRP without working a "big gun".

Another option is wait until the May to August time frame and catch a Sporadic-E opening. This will usually allow you to work those close-in states on the higher bands. Sporadic-E can happen anytime but the "season" peaks in the aforementioned months and also peaks in the morning around 10:00AM local and again around sunset local time.

73,
Steve Yates - AA5TB
Fort Worth, TX - EM12gs
aa5tb@arrl.net
<http://www.geocities.com/aa5tb>

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 10:18:05 -0600
From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93119] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010303094250.00a30910@bbs.galilei.com>
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Tom!

So much for privacy rights these days! <g>

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>to the other nine.

I believe I cranked up the gain right after sitting down in front of the rig at 0208Z and there he wuz, so to speak. Came right back to my first call. Luck of the Polish as my mother would say. I say it's all in the wrist! <g>

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On a serious note, I don't like all the scuffling, bad manners, dirty tricks, QLF either. But, that's the way it is in too many (if not most) of the dead-serious DX pile-ups.

I believe the Cub Fox events have gone a long way to help our newer operators prepare for the next level. That was a wise decision by those responsible and given the interest shown much appreciated.

The regular Fox event is moving closer to a dose-of-reality from where it started years back. But, that certainly should not be an excuse for what we have been hearing of late.

Ahhhhh! It's just makes more sense to me to wait at the end of the line. I'm more interested in testing propagation and antennas than accumulating pelts. Still a modest pile next to the operating desk must make me feel good about myself or something! <g>

My hat is off to the Fox stations. Don't think my operating skills are up to that task. Two hours doing of what they do would blow me away.

de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 09:27:30 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [93120] FOX Hunt Manners
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.31.0103030907230.1097-100000@cannac.ampr.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Since a Hunt starts at 0200UTC near 7040KHz the possibility of more than one station on a frequency is possible. It's possible that the Fox and a far away QSO find themselves on the same frequency.

As band conditions change the Fox begins to get serious QRM from the QSO. What should each party do? As band conditions change or someone begins to call CQ on the Hound frequency up 2 KHz. What should each party do?

In case 1. it depends what the QRM effect is. If you can't copy the Fox at all, someone needs to ask the Fox to move up or down explaining the problem. If you can copy with difficulty the Fox, do nothing! We should be able to do a Hunt with QRM.

In case 2, where there is a QSO on a Hound frequency, the proper thing for a Hound to do is move to a clear frequency. It's up to you to find a place the Fox can hear you.

Never take it as a job to police the Hams in a Fox Hunt. Never comment on the QRM on frequency. QRM is only in the eyes of the offended person(s) and even a QRP Fox can cause QRM to another QSO.

We do this for fun. Don't let the adversity dull the fun.

Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 11:26:18 -0500
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: <kd0ar@alltel.net>
Subject: [93121] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
Message-ID: <007a01c0a3fe\$ae1b0180\$010044c0@baycty1.mi.home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Es openings are strong, although they are fairly rare on 15. Much more common on 10 and 6.

But they are not totally unpredictable. Look for times of high flux when you have thunderstorms at the mid-path. These are likely to be more

productive times for sporadic-E.

Es openings also tend to be a little long for this path, but it's always worth a shot! And they tend to be strong enough that when the A index is high it might not bother you all that much.

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://members.home.com/wb8rcr/index.htm>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mike" <kd0ar@alltel.net>

Subject: Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 09:45:56 -0700
From: "David Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [93122] Re: Fox Manners
Message-ID: <000301c0a401\$737f0280\$0100a8c0@oldman>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

As far as I can tell, Tom's right--the only rule about sending your call sign multiple times is that if the fox asks you not to, he might ignore you out of spite. However, it behooves us to listen for a second between sending our calls each time to see if he comes back to us. Honestly, so many times we hear stations who send their calls five times in rapid succession, and by the time they're done the fox is halfway through the exchange with someone else (or already finished!).

I gave up listening on Thursday night because someone was calling in just this manner (without listening) right on the fox frequency. I can understand the stations that start up a QSO on the fox frequency, because they can't hear the fox and don't know he's there. But fox hunters should know better.

Dave AB0GO

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 09:50:55 -0700
From: "David Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [93123] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <000301c0a402\$201f83c0\$0100a8c0@oldman>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>So what do you do. Put on the narrowest filter you can, catch the Fox as
>best you can and call him every chance you get. Remember you won't QRM
>the "LID" as he is not listening on the same frequency that the Fox is
>listening on.
>
>73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD

Well said, Larry. And those foxhunters which are trying to chase the "LID"
off the frequency aren't doing us any favors. They just become part of the
QRM that the rest of us have to filter out.

73 de Dave AB0GO

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 08:55:43 -0800
From: Russ Dow <n7dw@pacbell.net>
To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93124] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <3AA1220F.5D00CD7F@pacbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Hi Bruce and the list,

Exactly! I've said it before: S P R E A D O U T !!

For those who are rockbound, cool. But as an option, one might
consider installing a socket and finding some more rocks. Years
ago a novice's VFO was a bunch of crystals. ;-)

73,
Russ N7DW ex-KZ5RDN '57-58

Bruce Muscolino wrote:

>
> Just because we all have a bunch of 7040 crystals does not
> mean we own the frequency. 7040 is merely a calling frequency, and
> entails no rights to its use!
>
> Perhaps all QRPers should be made to reread the rules!
>
> 73

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 11:55:30 -0500
From: "Brian Murrey" <bmmurrey@amexol.net>
To: <ekdave@earthlink.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-
l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93125] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <001701c0a402\$c240f260\$ee372bd1@iquest.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hounds, that can not hear the fox, but continue to send their call....now
that's really weird.

----- Original Message -----

From: "David Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2001 11:50 AM
Subject: Re: Fox and the Lid

> >So what do you do. Put on the narrowest filter you can, catch the Fox as
> >best you can and call him every chance you get. Remember you won't QRM
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> off the frequency aren't doing us any favors. They just become part of the
> QRM that the rest of us have to filter out.
>
> 73 de Dave AB0GO

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>
>

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 11:15:18 -0600
From: Bill Stietenroth <k5zty@juno.com>
To: w1hue@amsat.org
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93126] Re: FOX Hunts
Message-ID: <20010303.111525.-4056679.2.k5zty@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>
> What, exactly, does one receive by "winning"?

The same thing that one wins in any other radio contest... your name
at the top of the
list. Bragging rights, like when the home town team wins a ball
game. No big deal,
it's just fun.

> Back in the beginning, Fox hunts were actually fun. And I was even a
> Fox a
> couple of times. Sorry, Kevin, but I have been completely turned off
> by
> what they have become.

Time moves on, things evolve. When I got my ham ticket 40 years ago
it wasn't the
same as it is today. Same scenario with the fox hunt. It would
be rather elitist to
think that you and the first 10 guys that played in '94 should be
the only ones allowed
to play.

> Sheessshhhh...

I hope that with your "Sheessshhhh" you aren't thinking the rest of
us are inferior for
not feeling the same way as you do.

The fox hunt has been a great rallying event for our local club. We have two 5 man teams in the hunt and about 7 more guys that get in individually. It is the reason that many of them dusted off their CW skills or learned them for the first time. It gives us a reason and schedule and the group pressure to get on the radio twice a week and use those skills to work the fox. There are ops in the fox hunt that a year or two ago were " I hate CW " guys. The drive time talk about the fox hunt has generated a lot of interest in operating CW in our local club and has given some a reason and a way to get involved. We will probably have an even bigger group next year. I'm sorry that it isn't still a small 10 hunter group for you old timers, but it serves our group well.

Bill, K5ZTY
Houston, TX

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 09:20:41 -0800
From: Russ Dow <n7dw@pacbell.net>
To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93127] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
Message-ID: <3AA127E9.3DBE2CA2@pacbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Hi Tom and the group,

So far nobody has suggested NVIS. I don't know if it works as well on the higher bands as from 10 MHz down, but it might be worth a shot. Try mounting a dipole or other horizontal antenna as low to the ground as practical, such as along a wooden fence.

Safety first, of course. Don't put it where people could get tangled up in it!

73,
Russ N7DW

Tom wrote:

>
> Attention Propagation Garus:
>
> What, in your opinion, is likely to be the
> best time of day for a QRP QSO 15 meters

> between Florida and South Carolina?
>
> I need S.C. on 15 for 250 of 250 States for my 5BWAS/QRP.
>
> I'm trying to work a schedule with Frank, K4ADI, a QRP-L member
> and a member of "Fists."
>
> Thanks in advance.
>
> Tom, N1TP
> Naples, FL.

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 12:18:35 -0600
From: Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>
To: walt_amos@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93128] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!
Message-ID: <3AA1357B.2F330FC6@swbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Walter D Amos wrote:

> And there is a lot of PREVARICATION going on with 5 watts in the report !
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> split hounds are lighting 8 or more led's and overwhelm the agc, go
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> QRP'ERS have to wait until the QRO operators all work the fox and go to
> bed before they get a chance. How do we get some HONESTY back into this
> fox thing. Will going BACK to a QRP-L numbers do the trick? What do you
> think?

Having been a fox several times I found most signals were roughly about the same strength, plus or minus QSB. The only ones that stood out were those within miles of me or those having favorable propagation. If you want to hear bone crushing signals then tune to the bottom end of 40. There, virtually all of the QRO DXers are well over S9.

If we are now going to start questioning the integrity of other qrpers because your receiver's agc is being pumped, maybe its time to drop this thread. At the very least its time for you to turn off your noise blanker, kick in 10 or 20 db of attenuation, or align your K2 properly.

73 de N0IT

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 18:52:54 +0000
From: Paul Brice-Stevens <paul@g0wat.demon.co.uk>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93129] D68C QRPP - information sought (pse)
Message-ID: <NdKxCVAG2To6EwGL@g0wat.demon.co.uk>
MIME-Version: 1.0

I had saved the posting that mentioned working D68C with Milliwatts /difficult locations/antennas or lack of...but my computer seems to have had a bit of a hiccough and I can find them no longer...would anyone who worked D68C QRP or especially QRPP be kind enough to forward me a short summary...this information will be forwarded on to the D68C crew to help with the articles they are preparing the expedition...hopefullty giving plenty of good press to QRP/QRPP...

Tnx es 72/73

Paul
G0WAT

Member of CDXC and D68C pre-expedition antenna testing team...welll its some sort of claim to fame I suppose ;)

In article <20010302.220217.-366113.2.wd3p@juno.com>, Larry S Cahoon <wd3p@juno.com> writes
>On Sunday or early next week I plan on putting together a short piece on
>QRP for the club newsletter. I thought I put something in about the D68C
>operation. What what I'd like to say would cover the number of stations
>that worked them running under QRPP. So if you worked them QRPP please
>drop me a note giving me the power lever and your QTH - State or country
>is good enough. I'll post the results when I get them together so don't
>clutter the lists with each response.
>
>Tnx and 73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD
><http://www.qsl.net/wd3p>
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Paul Brice-Stevens

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 13:54:35 -0500

From: Jack Falk <k4byf@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Message-ID: <20010303.135442.-922107.0.K4BYF@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Does anyone have an e-mail address for Amidon Assoc. ?? Thanks de Jack,
K4BYF

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Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 13:16:02 -0600
From: Steve Yates - AA5TB <aa5tb@arrl.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93131] Re: Propagation Garus: 15 meters - FL to SC
Message-ID: <000301c0a416\$650c13e0\$92703ed8@aa5tb>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Russ,

NVIS is not a viable mode on 15m. The critical frequency (normal incidence return) doesn't ever reach as high as 15m except maybe during a very intense Sporadic-E patch directly overhead. NVIS is very effective on 30m and below (40 and 80m). The higher that you go in frequency, the more difficult is to return a signal from the ionosphere with an acute angle. This is one reason why the higher frequencies tend to support only the longer distances. Signals arriving near normal (90 degrees) to the ionosphere tend to pass right on through it. This is why it is so much more rare to reflect signals off of the ionosphere at VHF.

73,
Steve Yates - AA5TB
Fort Worth, TX - EM12gs
aa5tb@arrl.net
<http://www.geocities.com/aa5tb>

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 13:31:55 -0600

From: Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>
To: andrew@utahdesign.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93132] Re: Fox and the Lid
Message-ID: <3AA146AB.5682@companet.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Andrew Madsen wrote:

> So if his call was a 1x2, he was an extra class licensee.

He most *LIKELY* was an extra class licensee, BUT there are still a few GENUINE old-timers who hold original 1x2 calls from the era in which call-sign and license class weren't tied together. I knew one, now an SK, who received a "5??" call before 1920 (and became W5?? in 1929, IIRC). He was "General Class" at the time of his passing.

There's still a precious few of these folk around, and in my opinion they are treasures regardless of license class or having an uncertain Morse fist.

If the fellow in question was even remotely of similar vintage, then my sympathies lie with this so-called "lid."

73,

Mike / KK5F

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 12:21:23 -0800
From: Jeff Grudin <grudin@vdbbs.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93133] Question about batteries for field use
Message-ID: <3AA15243.4A812508@vdbbs.com>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

I have been looking at battery packs for field use.

In comparing Ni-Cad and NiMH.

It seems that the ni-cads self discharge at a slower rate (1% vs 3%)
Provide higher current outputs
Are less finiky about charging

So why would I want to use NiMH?

When I bought my Digital camera the manufacturer recommended using NiMH. Is it because they have a bit higher capacity for the size?

Thanks.

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73 de AC6KW <<mailto:grudin@vdbbs.com>>
Jeff Grudin, DVM Web Add: <http://www.vdbbs.com/~grudin>
Ocean Animal Clinic / Cat Clinic of Santa Cruz - Santa Cruz, California
Norcal QRP #1292 QRP-L #16 ARS #351 AR Qrp #131

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 14:44:24 -0700
From: Andrew Madsen <andrew@utahdesign.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [93134] Re: Question about batteries for field use
Message-ID: <3AA165B8.7CCC03A6@utahdesign.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Although I don't have very much experience with NiMH batteries personally, I've read about them. They have a VERY flat discharge curve, meaning the voltage stays high until they're almost dead, unlike alkalines which drop gradually. They are lighter than NiCds, and have up to twice the capacity for a given size. When I make a battery pack for my K1, I'm going to use NiMH batteries.

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73,
Andrew R. Madsen AC7CF
ac7cf@youngradioamateurs.com
<http://www.youngradioamateurs.com/>
League of Young Radio Amateurs
Utah Section Manager
Electronics Committee Chairman
CW/QRP Committee Co-Chairman

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 13:55:59 -0800

From: "Bob Tellefsen" <n6wg@earthlink.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93135] Re: Question about batteries for field use
Message-ID: <001801c0a42c\$bd128e00\$3dd2fc9e@oemcomputer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Jeff

When I was shopping for a digital camera (and finally talked myself out of it), some of the camera review sites pointed out that at least some cameras came with a set of NiMH batteries to begin with. It was recommended that they be pulled out and saved as backup batteries. The use of NiCd batteries was recommended as they were cheaper and more widely available. The idea they offered was that the NiMH batteries had a very long shelf life, and could be carried around for several years as fall back batteries.

This doesn't square with your info that the NiMH batteries had a 3% self discharge rate compared to 1% for the NiCd. Not quite sure what to make of that.

73, Bob N6WG

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 15:07:14 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Jeff Grudin <grudin@vdb.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93136] Re: Question about batteries for field use
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.31.0103031500500.1582-100000@cannac.ampr.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Jeff I have had vast experience with batteries in the REAL field ie: Wilderness Areas, and the only thing that makes sense is Alkaline battery. You can get them in all sizes and they have lower weight/watt-hour than almost any other battery. In the wilderness you can't re-charge a battery so why have one?

So go to Wal-Mart and get fresh batteries just before you leave and after a simple test you will know how long they will last. If your planning to be longer, take a spare set.

On Sat, 3 Mar 2001, Jeff Grudin wrote:

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> Thanks.
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> 73 de AC6KW <mailto:grudin@vdb.com>
> Jeff Grudin, DVM Web Add: <http://www.vdb.com/~grudin>
> Ocean Animal Clinic / Cat Clinic of Santa Cruz - Santa Cruz, California
> Norcal QRP #1292 QRP-L #16 ARS #351 AR Qrp #131
>
>

Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2001 17:17:40 -0500
From: Paul Womble <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [93137] Re: Question about batteries for field use
Message-ID: <3AA16D84.1EA9FA11@tampabay.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

My digital camera (Kodak) just chews up Ni-Cad batteries. It will only take about 5 pictures before it's time for a new set, 4 AA's. After that the camera will not operate properly.

With one set of fresh NiMH batteries the camera will take over 100 pics

before it's time for a recharge.

I've been using 8 AA NiMH batteries with my K1 while traveling. Fully charged the voltage is around 10.3VDC. Adding 2 more cells will still be within the voltage requirements of the radio.

Karl is right about re-charging. If your out where carrying a charger is not practical then the NiCad's are the way to go.

73

Paul K4FB

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 17:34:16 EST
From: AC5YU@cs.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [93138] (no subject)
Message-ID: <65.10a37447.27d2cb68@cs.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have built an SMK-1 40 meter qrp rig. I am trying to set it up now, but when I listen on the headphones all I hear is a very high pitch. It changes as I change my pots. When I turn tc1 and tc2 i do notice a very slight difference, however, I do have a piece of wire strung up to it, but do not seem to be "receiving" anything. Does anyone know what I should do?

John

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 18:11:27 -0500
From: "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@att.net>
To: <k4byf@juno.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93139] RE: Amidon Products info
Message-ID: <CKEGICNFDIMCEKEDCEHFIEHJGEAA.n4xy@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hi Jack... you can contact AMIDON directly from their web page:
<http://www.amidoncorp.com/> ; or indirectly, through Bytemark at:
<http://www.bytemark.com/amidon/> .

73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@arrl.net>

website: <http://www.n4xy.com>

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OK-QRP QRP-L #758 K2 (FT) #00057

Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2001 17:42:52 -0600
From: "Glenn Butzlaff" <gbutzlaff@voyager.net>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [93140] Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!
Message-ID: <008601c0a43b\$aaad8c60\$db8bcfa9@biff>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

----- Original Message -----
From: Walter D Amos <walt_amos@juno.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2001 4:04 AM
Subject: Re: Fox Hunts - Sheesh!

> Yep!
>
> And there is a lot of PREVARICATION going on with 5 watts in the report !
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> QRP'ERS have to wait until the QRO operators all work the fox and go to
> bed before they get a chance. How do we get some HONESTY back into this
> fox thing. Will going BACK to a QRP-L numbers do the trick? What do you
> think?
>
> Think I'll go hunt some testers in the ARRL DX test
>
> Walt K8CV

Wow, and all this time I just thought my rig had a great front end and
losses
were minimal in my antenna system. Almost everyone is QRO! And the Foxii

and Cub Foxii of the last month that were pounding my S-meter to 20 to 40 over 599 were all QRO, cuz I know my meter is a precise indication of output power from far off stations. Especially since I played with that sensitivity pot!

If I give out my QRP-L number will there be a QRP cop knocking on my door?

Glenn Butzlaff, WE9K

End of QRP-L Digest 2115
